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1. Definitions

In this South Australian Volleyball League Seniors (SAVL Seniors) Rules and Regulations the below words and phrases have the following definitions:

An Affiliated Body refers to a body that has met the Board's affiliation requirements by the Constitution and By-Laws. Affiliate has a corresponding meaning.

Athlete refers to any individual with a current Full Adult/Junior VSA membership whose name has been nominated on a team list submitted to the Competitions Lead at any time in the current SAVL season.

Volleyball SA Arena Coordinator refers to a person employed by VSA to oversee a specific SAVL Seniors competition venue.

Club Arena Coordinator refers to a person organised by a club to oversee a specific SAVL Seniors competition venue.

Board refers to the board of management of VSA.

By-Laws refers to the VSA document titled VSA By-Laws.

Club refers to a SAVL Seniors Club which is an Affiliated Body that meets eligibility criteria established in the By-Laws. Clubs have a corresponding meaning.

Constitution refers to the Constitution of VSA.

Competition Participants refer to the athletes, coaches, team officials, club officials and VSA officials participating in SAVL.

Compulsory 3 set Match refers to a shortened format, where games stop after 3 sets have been played to deem a winner, or the allocated match time expires.

WWCC (Working with Children Check) refers to a screening clearance from the Department of Human Services.

FIVB refers to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, which is the international governing body for volleyball.

The CEO refers to the Chief Executive Officer of VSA.

Home Round Game refers to a SAVL Premier or Reserve match played at the designated home venue for Platinum Clubs in each season.

Illegitimate Participant refers to a participant that does not meet membership, athlete transfer, and athlete movement requirements.

Referee refers to a referee engaged by VSA to officiate a match, or a referee appointed by a Club or non-Club to meet a duty as scheduled in a fixture.

Referee Supervisor refers to a referee employed to oversee and educate referees at a specific SAVL venue appointed by VSA.

Referee Delegate refers to the VSA Referee Advisory Committee Chair appointed to oversee SAVL Competitions.

South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) refers to the SAVL competitions run by VSA, inclusive of senior and junior divisions.

SAVL Seniors refers to the SAVL competition run by VSA limited to the senior division.

The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee refers to the principal decision-making committee regarding the qualification of athletes to partake in finals in the SAVL Senior divisions, accumulative sanction hearings and the resolution of disputes under these Regulations.

Competition Lead refers to the VSA staff member who is authorised to administer the SAVL Senior Competition.

Head of Participation refers to the VSA staff member who has oversight of the SAVL Senior Competition.

SAVL Senior Advisory Committee refers to the advisory committee regarding the SAVL Senior divisions. Formed by members of the affiliated clubs in the senior competition.

Team Official refers to a coach, assistant coach, medical, trainer or adult supervisor.

Temporary Transfer means a transfer granted by VSA for a period to enable the resolution of any transfer issues or delays, as determined by VSA.

VA refers to Volleyball Australia.

VSA refers to Volleyball South Australia, the controlling body of volleyball in South Australia.

VSA website refers to www.volleyballsouthaustralia.com.au.

2. Precedence

2.1 These Regulations are drafted by the VSA By-Laws.

2.2 In the event of any inconsistency between the VSA Constitution, the By-Laws and the Regulations, the Constitution shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

2.3 In the event of any inconsistency between the By-laws and the Regulations, the By-Laws shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

3. SAVL Competition

3.1 The objectives of the SAVL are as follows:

3.1.1 To provide a professionally administered competition for South Australia's indoor volleyball athletes, officials.

3.1.2 To provide a pathway for athletes and officials to the national and international level of the sport.

3.1.3 To highlight indoor volleyball.

3.1.4 To provide exposure and marketing opportunities to VSA's commercial partners.

3.2 The SAVL Senior competition will consist of the following divisions and be structured as seen below.

MEN's		WOMEN's	
Premier	Maximum 6 Teams	Premier	Maximum 6 Teams
Reserve	Maximum 6 Teams	Reserve	Maximum 6 Teams
Division 1	Maximum 8 Teams	Division 1	Maximum 8 Teams
Division 2	Maximum 8 Teams	Division 2	Maximum 8 Teams
Division 3	Maximum 8 Teams	Division 3	Maximum 8 Teams
Division 4	Maximum 8 Teams	Division 4	Maximum 8 Teams
Division 5	Maximum 8 Teams	Division 5	Maximum 8 Teams

3.3 VSA may in its discretion modify teams or divisions within the SAVL Seniors structure outlined in clause 3.2.

3.4 As outlined in 3.2 there will be an even number of teams in all divisions except the lowest, should there be a need to create further divisions refer to 3.3.

3.5 All teams must nominate the divisions they would like to enter in by the date set by the Competitions Lead.

3.5.1 All team nominations will be reviewed by the Head of Participation and Volleyball SA staff and judged appropriately based off previous results and information provided within the nomination process for the integrity of the competition.

3.6 The Competitions Lead, in consultation with the SAVL Seniors Advisory Committee, retains the right to amend the SAVL draw at any time during the season.

3.7 All VSA policies, as found on the VSA website, will be adhered to by all Competition Participants and clubs and their supporters. [Click here to view policies.](#)

4. SAVL Nomination

4.1 Nominations for SAVL Premier and Reserve teams must only come from qualified Clubs by the By-Laws.

4.2 Nominations for a SAVL Seniors Division team may come from other Affiliates.

4.3 To compete in the SAVL Senior season all nominations must be lodged with VSA by the nomination closing date as determined by the Competitions Lead.

4.4 The SAVL Senior nomination forms provided by VSA shall prescribe the nomination requirements.

4.5 Nomination fees shall be determined by VSA in consultation with the Board.

4.6 VSA has absolute discretion to reject any nomination.

4.7 All teams participating in SAVL Seniors must abide by the SAVL coach accreditation requirements on the VSA website and [clause 10.12](#).

4.8 All athletes and Team Officials involved in the SAVL Seniors must meet VSA membership requirements, as designated by VSA and published on the VSA website, before participating.

4.9 If an athlete who is not the correct member type of VSA participates in any SAVL Seniors match, they will be deemed an Illegitimate Athlete, and the Club whom that athlete played for shall pay to VSA the fine prescribed in [Schedule One](#) of the Regulations.

4.9.1 Players must either be a Full Adult or Full Junior Member.

4.9.2 Coaches must be an associate member at a minimum.

4.10 Where a Club has been fined by [clause 4.9](#), the Club team for which the athlete competed shall also have a forfeit recorded against said team for the game in which the unregistered athlete competed.

4.11 All Team Officials must hold a WWCC as detailed in the *VA Child Safeguarding Policy – this needs to be managed by competing clubs*. [Click here to view.](#)

4.12 All Team-Officials must have a current VSA Membership.

4.13 All members of VSA, by their membership, agree to:

4.13.1 Abide by the VSA By-laws and these Regulations as amended from time to time.

4.13.2 Abide by the VA and the WADA (World Anti-Drug Agency) Anti-Doping and Match Fixing Policies; and

4.13.3 Permit VSA and/or its representatives to take photographs or video footage of SAVL Senior games and use them in accordance with the VSA Video and Photography Policy.

4.14 All Competition Participants must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs whilst participating in the SAVL.

4.15 The Competitions Lead will advise the number of divisions subject to team nominations.

5. Athlete Transfers

5.1 All athletes participating in the SAVL Seniors shall be registered as competing on behalf of the Club which the athlete's SAVL Seniors team represents.

5.2 Any athlete registered with a Club must obtain VSA's written approval **before** the athlete may compete for a different Club. This is called an athlete transfer.

5.3 All athletes competing in the SAVL Seniors shall be required to confirm they have not first played in a different Federation of Origin (internationally).

5.4 An athlete from a Federation of Origin other than Australia must first obtain an International Transfer Clearance and pay such transfer fees as may be required **before** playing any SAVL Seniors round.

5.5 No athlete transfer will be accepted if that athlete has already participated in one or more rounds in the current season for their registered Club.

5.6 All athlete transfers must be completed by round 7 of SAVL Seniors.

5.7 VSA may refuse to give an athlete its written consent to a transfer if the relevant athlete is financially indebted to the Club (as previously notified to VSA), VSA, or any VA affiliate.

5.8 If a current or past athlete is unfinancial with their former Club after an athlete request to transfer, it is the responsibility of the former Club (President or Treasurer) to notify VSA within 3 working days of this status. The athlete's membership will then be placed under review, and that athlete will be ineligible to participate in any VSA competition until resolved.

5.8.1 If notified by the Club VSA shall put a player's membership under review, meaning they will not be able to transfer or upgrade their membership until their debt is cleared with their previous club affiliate,

5.9 All athlete transfer requests require up to two clear working days to process. Where completion is required under clause 5.6, the athlete transfer application and payment must occur at least two clear working days before the athlete intends to compete in any SAVL round.

5.10 If an athlete competes for a Club in any SAVL Senior division but is registered as competing for a different Club, the athlete will be regarded as an Illegitimate Participant. Therefore, penalties set out in Schedule 1 apply.

5.11 Only one Transfer is permitted per athlete per calendar year.

5.12 The written consent required by clause 5.2 shall be in the form as prescribed on the VSA website and shall be lodged online with VSA together with the fee prescribed in Schedule 1.

5.13 VSA must notify the athlete and Clubs involved of the outcome of the requested transfer within two working days from lodgement.

5.14 In the case of a junior athlete (any athlete under the age of 18), an adult/coach/club member may have conversations about athlete transfers in the presence of or with the Junior athlete's parent/guardian. Adult/coach/club members may only approach Junior Athletes to ask for parent/guardian contact information to begin such conversations.

6. Athlete Movement

6.1 Clubs will be allowed to have a maximum of 2 registered athletes participate in both a Premier Men's and Reserve Men's match within the same SAVL round.

6.2 Clubs will be allowed to have a maximum of 2 registered athletes participate in both a Premier Women's and Reserve Women's match within the same SAVL round.

6.3 In the event that clauses 6.1 and 6.2 are infringed, all matches that the infringed player participated in will be registered as a forfeit.

6.4 With the exemption of those players outlined in clauses 6.1 & 6.2, An Athlete can only play one match for their club on any given SAVL Seniors round.

6.5 SAVL Junior Athletes can play in both SAVL Juniors matches and SAVL Seniors matches within the same week.

6.6 Clubs are required to submit all nominated SAVL Seniors team rosters on the VSA website via their club log in 2 weeks prior to SAVL Season start.

6.7 If at any stage during the current SAVL Seniors season an athlete has participated in a division, they shall not be eligible to compete in a division that is two or more divisions lower than the original division the athlete participated in. (For example, a player participates in a Reserve team in Opening Round, they are then no longer eligible to participate in a division 2 or below team for the remainder of the season.

6.7.1 At the discretion of VSA exemptions may be granted for an athlete to move between Reserve team and Division 2 team.

6.7.2 Should a club request an exemption regarding the above request and the parameters this must be submitted to the Head of Participation by no longer than 48 hours before the scheduled start of the SAVL Round.

6.7.3 Should a team/club be in breach of 6.7 the penalties in Schedule 1 Illegitimate player or coach participation in SAVL shall apply.

6.8 There are no restrictions on the number of Junior Athletes who may compete in the senior divisions.

6.9 For the Final Series, clause 6.1 and 6.2 do not apply, as more than two Athletes may play in a division as long as they have qualified for both teams in accordance with clause 8.

6.9.1 Any requests for an Athlete movement exemption due to injury/illness must be accompanied by a doctor/specialist certificate and/or letter and submitted to the Competitions Lead.

6.9.2 Players are limited to playing 2 games per finals week for eligible grades.

6.9.3 Players must not skip between divisions during the finals week (For example, Plays Division 1 and Premier skipping reserve).

6.9.4 All competition rules stated in Clause 7 must be adhered to.

6.10 In the event of an emergency, VSA holds the absolute discretion to approve and reject any Athlete movement requests.

6.11 When any of clause 6 is infringed, a forfeit shall be imposed and the penalties in schedule 1 shall apply.

6.12 If a team forfeits, for any reason excluding injury, any athlete award votes and points/sets scored for that team's match during the round does not count towards clause 9 for the forfeiting team.

7. Competition Rules

7.1 The rules of the game applicable to the SAVL Seniors shall be the current FIVB Official Rules, except as amended by these Regulations.

7.1.2 Teams can name a maximum of 12 players on the score sheet per match.

7.1.3 Teams can name a maximum of 2 Liberos per match. Should you choose to have 2 liberos, a maximum of 10 regular players are allowed on the score sheet per match.

7.1.4 Team Liberos are to be included within the maximum number of players outlined in clause 7.1

7.1.5 Competition Rules (7.1 to 7.1.4) are to occur for all SAVL matches, including finals.

7.2 Late Arrival by Player:

7.2 In the event an athlete is unable to make the starting time of a scheduled match, the athlete's team/coach must do the following to allow the athlete to participate:

7.2.1 The athlete must be listed on the scoresheet team roster by the coin toss.

7.2.2 The referees and opposition team/coaches must be notified of a late attendee.

7.2.3 The athlete must be in attendance by the end of the first set.

7.2.4 If an athlete arrives before the end of 1st set, the athlete is ineligible to participate in the match until the start of 2nd set.

7.2.5 If the athlete arrives after the start of the 2nd set, the athlete is ineligible to participate in the match and must be crossed off the scoresheet team roster.

7.2.5 a) Should a team play a player deemed ineligible the penalty set in section 1 shall apply.

7.3 Substitutions:

7.3.1 The Australian 12 Substitution rule as contained within [Appendix 2](#) will apply to all Divisions except in the Premier Division.

7.3.2 The Premier Division will abide by the following rules.

7.3.2 a) Teams are limited to 6 Substitutions per set.

7.3.2 b) An athlete of the starting line-up may leave the game, only once in a set, and re-enter, only once in a set, and only to the athlete's previous position in the line-up. 7.3.2 c) A substitute athlete may enter the game in place of an athlete of the starting line-up, only once per set and the athlete can only be substituted by the same starting athlete.

7.4 Libero:

7.4.1 In the case of injury to a non-libero athlete, the libero can be re-assigned as a normal athlete (with a numbered shirt) to avoid an incomplete team. The injured athlete shall not take any further part in the match.

7.5 Net Heights:

The net heights shall be as prescribed in the table below:

Senior Divisions	Men	Women
All Seniors	2.43m	2.24m

7.6 Forfeits:

7.6.1 A SAVL Premier or Reserve team will lose the match 3 sets to 0, at 25 points to 0 for each of the three sets, if their team is unable to field six athletes at the scheduled start time of the relevant match.

- 7.6.2
- a) All remaining senior divisions will lose the first set of the game 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at the scheduled start time of the relevant match. The team will lose the second set 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at five minutes past the scheduled start time of the relevant match. The team will lose the third set 25-0 if the team is unable to field six players at 10 minutes past the scheduled start time of the relevant match.
 - b) The fine prescribed in Schedule 1 of these Regulations as the “Forfeit Fee” shall be imposed against any team who forfeits the whole match. Teams who forfeit the match but can assemble sufficient players for a scratch match may request exemption from the forfeit fee in writing to Competitions Lead.
 - c) All forfeiting teams are required to fulfil any duty team requirements or the fine prescribed in Schedule 1 as the “non-Duty Fee” shall be imposed.
 - d) Teams who have won a game because of a forfeit, **must still fulfil** any duty team requirements. VSA may, at their discretion, waive the duty requirement provided sufficient notice of forfeit is given.

7.6.3 A SAVL Seniors team that forfeits the match due to not meeting the 6-player rule will be considered to have forfeited the match and schedule 1 penalties apply.

7.6.3 a) VSA under discretion may waive the forfeit fee under certain circumstances.

7.6.4 All forfeiting teams are required to fulfil any duty team requirements or the fine prescribed in schedule 1 as the “non-Duty Fee” shall be imposed.

7.6.5 Teams who have won a game because of a forfeit must still fulfil any duty team requirements or schedule 1 penalties will apply.

7.7 Start times and Warm-up

7.7.1 The warm-up protocol shall be as prescribed in the following tables for all Best of 5 Sets, Untimed matches:

Warm-up Protocol for all SAVL Senior Matches	
Mins to Match Start	Action
Before warm-up protocol	The previous game is finished, and teams from the previous match clear the court and scoresheet is completed. Any necessary net adjustments are made.
20	The unofficial warm-up commences. The duty team reports to the court. Team Officials fill in the teams' roster and sign coaches sign the scoresheet
13	The coin toss Occurs with the 1 st referee, 2 nd referee, scorer, and captains of both teams. Captains check their team's roster and sign the scoresheets. See 7.2 if an athlete is to arrive late.
12	Official warm-up commences. Athletes are all to be in playing uniform only including those on the bench. Referees to check the scoresheet with the athletes. Coaches/captains are to submit the rotation slips. Note: at 7 minutes referee may encourage to switch hitting sides.
3	Teams to serve
2	Coaches' instruction
1	Teams assemble on the court, and the 2 nd referee checks the rotations.
0	First serve

7.7.2 For any divisions that are playing under the compulsory 3 set format the warmup time will be 15 minutes.

Warm-up Protocol for all compulsory 3 set SAVL Senior Matches	
Mins to Match Start	Action
Before warm-up protocol	The previous game is finished, and teams from the previous match clear the court and scoresheet is completed. Any necessary net adjustments are made.
15	The unofficial warm-up commences. The duty team reports to the court. Team Officials fill in the teams' roster and sign coaches sign the scoresheet
10	The coin toss occurs with the 1 st referee, 2 nd referee, scorer, and captains of both teams. Captains check their team's roster and sign the scoresheets. See 10.2 if an athlete is to arrive late.
9	Official warm-up commences. Athletes are all to be in playing uniform only including those on the bench. Referees to check the scoresheet with the athletes. Coaches/captains are to submit the rotation slips. Note: at 6 minutes referee may encourage to switch hitting sides.
3	Teams to serve
2	Coaches' instruction
1	Teams assemble on the court and the 2 nd referee checks the rotations.
0	First serve

7.7.3 All scheduled match times used in the draw represent the commencement of the match, not warm up start.

7.8 Match Delays

7.8.1 Any issues with match delays will be reviewed at the time by the Arena Coordinator and/or Referee supervisor.

7.8.2 If any SAVL Seniors minor round match is affected, games will proceed as follows:

7.8.2 a) If the match is delayed by up to half an hour, the match will continue from where the last point was able to be played. An additional 10-minute warm-up will be provided to both teams.

7.8.2 b) If a minor round match is delayed by more than half an hour a result will be determined. If 3 sets are completed the match will be deemed live, with a count back on sets (If sets are equal) then a count back on points shall determine the winner. If 3 sets are not completed, then a draw will be recorded. 7.8.2 c) If a finals series match is affected, by a delay of more than an hour the game shall be rescheduled at a time agreeable to VSA and the competing teams prior to the next finals round.

7.9 Fixturing

7.9.1 All season draws and fixtures will be approved by the Competitions Lead and will be available on the VSA website. [Click Here to view fixtures](#)

7.10 Premiership Table and Scoring

7.10.1 Teams will gain points on the Premiership Table according to the following table:

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw	2
Loss	1
Forfeit	0

7.10.2 The premiership table ranking will be decided using the following method:

7.10.2 a) Premiership Points; then

7.10.2 b) Set Percentage (sets won/ [sets won + sets lost]); then

7.10.2 c) Point Percentage (points won/ (points won + points lost))

7.11 Should SAVL Seniors team nominations exceed the venue capacity that VSA has available, starting from the lowest divisions and moving up division by division until remedied, matches will become timed. This clause excludes Premier and Reserve.

Timed matches will be:

7.11.1 Compulsory 3 set matches,

7.11.2 Played within 90-minute time slots, inclusive of a 15-minute warm-up.

7.11.2 a) Should a match not be completed, the score at the end of the 90-minute timer shall be the result. For example, the 90-minute timer sounds, and the score is 2-1 (10-13) the result shall finish as 2-1 and the team who has won more sets will be deemed the winner.

7.11.2 b) Should the set scores be tied at the completion of the match the result will be decided by a points countback.

7.11.2 c) Should a countback on points have an equal number of points the match will be deemed a tie, and both teams will receive the points allocation set out in clause 7.9.

7.11.3 Should VSA enforce the above ruling this shall start at the lowest division available but is up to the discretion of VSA.

7.10.4 All other SAVL rules will follow.

7.11.5 The premiership table ranking will be decided using the following method:

7.11.5 a) Premiership Points; then

7.11.5 b) Set Percentage (sets won/ [sets won + sets lost]); then

7.11.5 c) Point Percentage (points won/ (points won + points lost))

7.12 In the case a division plays an unequal number of games the premiership table will be decided using the following method:

7.12.1 Match Ratio (Premiership Points (in accordance with 7.11.5) / Number of games played); then.

7.12.2 Set Percentage (sets won/ [sets won + sets lost]); then

7.12.3 Point Percentage (points won/ [points won + points lost]).

7.13 Should the competition reach a maximum number of teams and follow clause 7, having the lowest division teams playing in the compulsory 3 set format. Court freezone space for divisional matches will be reduced to fit the maximum number of games into the allocated venue.

8. Finals Series

8.1 The finals series shall be the games listed in the draw as “semi-final,” “preliminary final” or “grand final for the Premier Competition.”

8.1.2 The finals series shall be the games listed in the draw as “preliminary final” or “grand final” for the Reserve and Divisional Competitions. 8.2 An athlete may compete in the final series for a SAVL team if:

8.3 The athlete has been noted on the scoresheet as competing in at least fifty per cent of the relevant scheduled matches for that division, or a lower division, as defined in the SAVL draw. See table in clause 8.3.1 for matches played requirements. Matches played in any division may contribute to athlete qualification for that division or a higher division if they are played in separate rounds of the SAVL competition. For example, an athlete plays rounds 1-3 in Division 1, rounds 4-9 in Reserve, and rounds 10-15 in Premier. This example qualifies the athlete for the Reserve and Premier finals series but not for Division 1, for the avoidance of doubt.

8.3.1

Premier and Reserve	Must play in 8 out of 15 Matches
Divisional Volleyball	Must play 7 out of 14 Matches

8.3.2 The athlete has no monetary amount outstanding to VSA for which an invoice has been rendered to the athlete; and

8.3.3 When a junior athlete qualifies for finals participation in a senior division, that athlete cannot use their junior division participation to qualify for a lower senior division than their senior participation gives rise to. For example, Athlete 1 has qualified for the Reserve division through participation in the Reserve competition and continues to play SAVL Juniors in the SLJ division. Athlete 1 qualifies for senior Premier and Reserve. SAVL Juniors and SLJ finals qualification must be met through the SAVL Juniors competition regulations and cannot participate in senior Division 1 finals or lower.

8.4 If, due to a professional contract, attending an overseas college due to volleyball, representative duties in either an Australian indoor or beach volleyball team, an athlete is unable to qualify for the finals series under the terms of clause 8.3, they must provide satisfactory evidence to support their inability to meet the requirements to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee (this may be either a signed letter from the National Coach, a signed copy of the FIVB international scoresheet featuring the athlete’s name or signed documentation from the college the athlete attended). The supporting evidence/documentation must clearly state the dates for which the athlete was unavailable to compete in the SAVL Seniors competition and must be received by the Head of Participation no later than one week before the final series start date. It is recommended to provide as much detail within the exemption application as possible. If the athlete satisfies the

above and has been noted on the score sheet as having competed in at least fifty per cent, but not less than two matches, of the relevant scheduled matches for which the athlete was available, they shall be permitted to compete in the final's series in the relevant SAVL division for which the athlete qualifies.

8.4.1 For athletes to be considered for an exemption under 8.4, athletes must be registered with an affiliated club and VSA prior to the professional contract, overseas college due to volleyball or representative duties as either an Australian beach or indoor athlete commitment commences.

8.5 If, due to injury or other medical condition (including pregnancy), an athlete is unable to qualify for the final series under the provisions of clause 8.3, they must provide satisfactory evidence, in the form of a medical certificate or signed letter from a qualified medical practitioner, to support their inability to meet the requirements to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee. The supporting evidence must clearly state the duration for which the athlete was unable to compete in the SAVL Seniors competition and must be received by the Head of Participation no later than one week before the final series start date. If the athlete satisfies the above and has been noted on scoresheets as having competed in at least fifty percent, but not less than two matches, of the scheduled matches for the season not covered by the medical evidence, they shall be permitted to compete in the final's series in the relevant SAVL division for which the athlete qualifies.

8.6 If an athlete does not meet the requirements of clause 8.3 above and does not fall within the exceptions contained in clauses 8.4 and 8.5 above, the athlete may apply in writing to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee for special consideration to be permitted to compete in the finals series and must be received by the Head of Participation no later than one week before the final series start date

8.7 Notwithstanding the above, any athlete who qualifies for the Finals Series of a particular division is deemed to have qualified for the final series of all higher SAVL Senior divisions. e.g. Athlete A has qualified to compete under clause 8 for the Division 3 final series. Athlete A is also qualified to compete in the Division 2, Division 1, Reserve, and Premier teams in a final series match should their club have such available teams in the competition.

9. SAVL Awards

9.1 VSA, on recommendation from the SAVL Senior Advisory Committee, shall be responsible for determining the number and format of the SAVL annual awards but shall, at a minimum, include the following awards:

9.1.1 Athlete awards.

9.1.2 Referee awards; and

9.1.3 Volunteer awards.

9.2 The Competition *Best and Fairest* awards for the SAVL Seniors will be presented after the regular season and will be determined by the following process:

9.2.1 The 1st referee from each regular season match, in consultation with the 2nd referee and auxiliary referees if applicable, will vote for the best athlete after the match based on a 3-2-1 vote system.

9.2.2 The player/s with the most votes in each division will be awarded as the Best and Fairest player/s for that season.

9.3 Premier Grand Final *Best on Court* awards will be presented at the Grand Final medal ceremony and will be voted on by a panel of 3-5 people; this panel will include the first referee and will be based on a 3-2-1 vote system.

9.3.1 Reserve and Divisional Grand Final *Best on Court* awards will be presented at the medal ceremony and will be voted on by the 1st referee from each match, in consultation with the 2nd referee and auxiliary referees if applicable.

9.3.2 The *Skip Cup* shall be awarded each year to the Platinum Club obtaining the highest number of points during the minor round by the following table:

Position	SAVL Premier	SAVL Reserve	SAVL State League Juniors
1.	48 points	36 points	24 points
2.	32 points	24 points	16 points
3.	24 points	18 points	12 points
4.	20 points	15 points	10 points
5.	16 points	12 points	8 points
6.	12 points	9 points	6 points

10. Officials & Coaches

10.1 VSA will endeavour to appoint the 1st and 2nd referee for each SAVL Premier and Reserve game who shall hold at a minimum a VA Level 2 Associate Referee accreditation under the VA accreditation framework and must be a member of VSA.

10.2 All SAVL Seniors Clubs, when rostered to duty at a Divisional match as per the fixture, are required to provide an accredited 1st referee as outlined in Appendix 3.

10.3 For all SAVL Seniors grand final matches, a duty team will be provided by VSA. This includes a 1st referee, a 2nd referee, and a scorer. Optionally VSA may also provide an assistant scorer and 2 to 4 linespersons.

10.4 All officials, including athletes performing an official role whilst completing a duty, shall be bound by the Official's Code of Behaviour as published on the VSA website. [Click here to view.](#)

10.5 Each team is obliged to undertake the number of duties listed in the SAVL draw as released by VSA.

10.6 Any SAVL Seniors team scheduled to perform a duty is required to abide by the following procedure:

10.7 A minimum of five duty personnel must report to the court 20 minutes before the SAVL match start time (as amended by any game delays). The members of the duty team must wear enclosed shoes. Thongs/slides/Birkenstock/Crocs/sandals are prohibited, arena coordinator and 1st Referee will be responsible for enforcing this.

10.8 If not provided by VSA, the duty roles they must perform are:

10.8.1 - 1st referee.

10.8.2 - 2nd referee.

10.8.3 - Scorer (optionally an Assistant Scorer)

10.8.4 - At least 2 linespersons (optionally 4 linespersons)

10.9 Personnel may interchange roles between sets except for the 1st referee as long as the standard is maintained. The scoresheet must be signed by the personnel who are in the role after the match.

10.10 If the procedures in clause 10 are not complied with, the 1st referee, referee supervisor or Arena Coordinator may, in their absolute discretion, report the team to the Competitions Lead in writing,1 within 2 business days from match completion.

10.11 If a SAVL Seniors team is reported to the Competitions Lead by clause 10.10, the Competitions Lead may, in their absolute discretion, determine to charge the offending team the *non-Duty fee* prescribed in Schedule 1.

10.12 SAVL Senior coaches must be qualified by the table below to coach on game day:

Seniors	VA accreditation Head Coach minimum	VA accreditation Assistant Coach minimum
Premier	Level 2 Associate working towards Level 2 State	Level 1
Reserve	Level 2 Associate	Level 1
Division 1	Level 2 Associate	Level 1
Division 2 and below	Level 1	Level 1

10.12.1 Where the game day coach is not qualified by this clause the penalty for *Unqualified Coach participation* listed in Schedule 1 shall apply.

11. Disputes

11.1 If any Club is unsure of the interpretation of any regulation, then they must contact the Referee Supervisor in the first instance, if not resolved contact the Competitions Lead for a ruling. An incorrect interpretation of a Regulation by a Club is no grounds for appeal for any penalties handed down by VSA.

11.2 In clause 11, “complaint” means any dispute, complaint, grievance, or appeal arising about the application of the Rules and Regulations.

11.3 Any complaint arising in respect of the SAVL Seniors regarding an alleged breach, or breaches, of the VSA Member Protection Policy shall be dealt with according to the procedure prescribed in the VSA Member Protection Policy, as amended from time to time.

11.4 Any complaint arising in the context of the Rules and Regulations, which does not involve an alleged breach of the VSA Member Protection Policy, shall be dealt with by the following procedure:

11.5 The complainant shall give notice of the complaint to the Head of Participation by the close of the next business day of the conduct giving rise to the complaint; and

11.6 The Head of Participation shall, in their absolute discretion:

11.6.1 Resolve the complaint at the time the complaint is reported (provided no conflict of interest); or

11.6.2 Refer the complaint to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee for resolution.

11.7 If a complainant or other interested party, wishes to appeal a resolution of the Head of Participation (other than a resolution to refer a complaint to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee), the complainant or the interested party shall give notice of the appeal to the CEO, who shall refer the appeal to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee.

11.8 The complainant, or other interested party, shall pay the appeal fee (refer to Schedule 1) to the CEO at the appeals time notice.

11.9 Within seven days of a referral of a complaint by the Head of Participation, or the referral of an appeal by the CEO, the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall convene a dispute review hearing.

11.10 The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall hear and determine the complaint, and it shall have the discretion to invite any interested person to address the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee about the complaint before deciding.

11.11 In clause 13, *notice* shall be in writing and shall be:

11.11.1 if to be provided to the Head of Participation:

11.11.1 a) hand-delivered to the Head of Participation; or

11.11.1 b) delivered to the VSA Office; or

11.11.1 c) emailed to the Head of Participation.

11.11.2 if to be provided to the CEO:

11.11.2 a) delivered to the VSA Office; or

11.11.2 b) emailed to the CEO.

11.12 For SAVL Senior Divisional matches, any errors made by match officials that result in more than 1 point being overturned at one time will remain one point at the most.

For example, the scorer/second referee out of rotation rule: A second referee discovers at 20 - 20 that Team A is and has been out of rotation since 0 - 0. The referee will award one point to Team B however, no further points will be taken from Team A.

12. ON THE SPOT” PROTEST PROTOCOL PROCEDURE

12.1 The referee supervisor and/or delegate has the authority to resolve problems and make determinations on formal protests occurring during the match by the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules and as guided by the SAVL Seniors Rules and Regulations.

12.2 Should a team believe that a match official has incorrectly applied or misinterpreted a rule, they should:

12.2.1 Immediately, at the completion of the rally, inform the 2nd Referee, via the on-court captain or matchday coach, that they wish to launch an On-the-Spot Protest;

12.2.2 The 1st referee will suspend the match and consult with the referee supervisor and/or delegate, who will perform an on-the-spot protest resolution.

12.3 A formal protest may be lodged by the coach of the team who believes that the match officials have made an error under the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules as guided by SAVL Seniors rules and regulations. The coach must have a proper case to successfully have the protest accepted. Such proper cases are:

- 12.3.1 An improper decision by a match official who did not apply a rule correctly; or
- 12.3.2 An improper decision of the scorer who made a mistake on the rotational order or score.

12.4 A protest outside this scope is considered an improper protest (including, but not limited to, a Referee's decisions on sanctions, playing actions, or misconduct). If the protest is deemed improper the process will be as follows:

12.4.1 The protesting team Coach will receive a delay penalty (time delay red).

12.4.2 The match will continue immediately.

12.5 If a protest is deemed as legal, it will be accepted. There are no penalties for the protesting team after this point. The process will be as follows:

12.5.1 The referee supervisor will arrive and speak to the matchday coach who requested the protest.

12.5.2 The referee supervisor will determine whether the decision is upheld or overturned, and inform the 1st referee, protesting captain, and opposing team captain of their decision along with the rationale.

12.5.3 If the decision is upheld, the match will be resumed with the original decision of the match referee. The protest will be noted on the scoresheet in the comments section with the direct outcome.

12.5.4 If the decision is overturned, the match is resumed from the point prior to the referee's decision (previous rally cancelled). The protest will be noted on the scoresheet with the outcome listed in the comments section.

12.6 If the referee supervisor determines a protest requires further action, they must complete a written report and submit it to both the Referee Delegate and Head of Participation, and they will then assess and determine if further action is necessary.

13. SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes

13.1 The SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall be constituted of three members drawn from the following persons:

13.1.1 The Head of Participation

13.1.2 A member from the VSA Referee Advisory Committee

13.1.3 A member from the VSA SAVL Advisory Committee

13.2 In the case of disputes the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee is empowered to impose financial penalties and/or match penalties/suspension, subject to the severity of the offence.

13.3 In the case of reviewing and determining the qualification of athletes in the SAVL Seniors for finals series eligibility, the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee may include the Competitions Lead as one of its members.

13.4 When reviewing an athlete's qualification for finals, the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee shall convene no earlier than two weeks before the first finals match, and no later than one week before the first finals match of the SAVL.

14. Match Misconduct and Sanctions

14.1 To protect the image of the sport and all participants, the following outlines disciplinary actions to be applied according to accumulated or excessive misconduct during matches.

14.2 Match sanctions will be cumulative during the SAVL Seniors season:

14.3 For the avoidance of doubt, only misconduct and unsportsmanlike sanctions accumulate sanction points as per the table below. Delay sanctions are team sanctions, not individual player sanctions.

Warning	Yellow Card	Volleyball SA to monitor and contact the club or player where required
Penalty	Red Card	Volleyball SA to review and direct to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes committee where appropriate
Expulsion	Yellow and Red Cards Together	Volleyball SA to review and direct to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes committee where appropriate
Disqualification	Yellow and Red Cards Separately	Volleyball SA to review and direct to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes committee where appropriate

14.4 For the avoidance of doubt, team penalties will not be imposed using this scaling on player management, only individual sanctions will apply.

14.5 Any SAVL Seniors participant, athlete or team official who receives a Red Card will be reviewed by Volleyball SA and where appropriate, referred to a disciplinary hearing with the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes committee, where further sanctions may be applied which could include and not be limited to suspension from future matches.

14.6 Any match suspensions received during the season will include a further 12 months of good behaviour or further disciplinary actions will apply.

14.7 If an athlete or team official is expelled or disqualified from a match, the person shall be referred to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee which will determine the appropriate match sanctions.

14.8 For the avoidance of doubt, the accumulative sanction point procedure shall also apply to final series matches.

14.9 VSA reserve the right to investigate incidents reported outside of the sanctioning scale and refer instances to the SAVL Athlete Qualification and Disputes Committee.

15. Home Round Games (Premier and Reserve Matches)

15.1 VSA will supply a Referee Supervisor or on call referee supervisor to all venues where possible on any given fixture of the SAVL Seniors Competition.

15.2 The following elements will apply:

15.2.1 Each duty team shall be responsible for providing the following personnel to assist with the match duty.

15.2.2 All teams must have the minimum accredited referees as outlined in the table below when performing a scheduled duty during the season.

	Minimum Referee Accreditation	Number of officials Required per team with this qualification
Premier	Level 2 Associate	2
Reserve	Level 2 Associate	2
Division 1	Level 1	3
Division 2 and below	Level 1	3

15.3 If a team is unable to fulfil the requirements listed above, they must reach out to VSA at least 12 hours prior to the commencement of the match of an exemption.

15.4 VSA will supply all equipment listed below to support the delivery of matchday requirements at the beginning of the season, should any items need replacing throughout the season it is the responsibility of the clubs and Arena Coordinators to notify VSA.

15.4.1 Equipment List

Ball pressure gauge	1 per venue
Ball pump	1 per venue
Balls	2 per court (4 total)
Digital timer	1 per court (2 total)
First aid kit	1 per venue
Laminated rotation slips	2 per court (4 total)
Line judges flags	2 per court (4 total)
Liquid sanitiser	1 per venue
Net height measurer	1 per venue
Court towel	2 per court (4 total)
Ball towel	1 per court (2 total)
Pens	3 per court (6 total)
Sanction cards	1 per court (2 total)
Rotation slips textas	2 per court (4 total)
Sanitising wipes	1 per venue
Scoreboard	1 per court (2 total)

Scoresheet	1 per game
Spill kit	1 per venue
Whistle	2 per court (4 total)

15.5 Hosting Clubs / Arena Coordinators must meet the expectations as detailed below:

15.5.1 Prepare all the necessary equipment ready 30 minutes before scheduled match start times, including net, antennae, referee stand, match balls, team benches, score bench, scoreboard, and ample seating for spectators.

15.5.2 Upload all results of their respective matchday including entering team rosters, match results, and athlete statistics no later than 11:59pm the day of the match.

15.5.3 Ensure courts and surrounding free zones are clean and free from obstruction.

15.5.4 Provide a committee-appointed Arena Coordinator with first aid qualifications and a WWCC (must make themselves known to the first referee).

15.5.5 Provide medical support:

15.5.6 Qualified first aider and first aid kit.

15.5.7 Ice is available for injuries and athlete recovery.

15.6 In the case of a suspected concussion the Referee Supervisor, in line with 15.5.5 above, performs the [VSA Concussion Policy](#) concerning an athlete being able to return to the court during a match after a concussion event. [Click Here to view.](#)

15.7 Any injury or incident must be reported via the *VSA Incident Report Form*, on the day of the incident, located on the VSA website, and emailed to the Competitions Lead by 11.59pm on the day of the incident.

15.8 First Aid

15.8 Basic first aid will be available at all SAVL Senior venues. Any additional items such as strapping tape will need to be supplied and administered by athletes, team officials, or team members.

15.9 Any hospital or ambulance costs will be the responsibility of the individual or the Club/Affiliate/school that the athlete is representing.

16. Special Circumstances or Provisions

16.1 Where these regulations are silent, a decision can be made that ensures the integrity of the SAVL Seniors is maintained at all times.

16.2 The VSA Head of Participation in using their reasonable discretion, in exceptional or extenuating circumstances, may alter, vary, or waive the requirements set out in these regulations relating to the SAVL Seniors.

17. Notices

17.1 All notices and other correspondence shall be addressed to the VSA Head of Participation, as per the contact details on the VSA website.

18. Regulation Review

18.1 The Regulations are to be reviewed annually by the VSA Competitions Lead and VSA Referee Advisory Committee.

Schedule 1 – Penalties and Fees

Forfeit fee (senior divisions) after Thursday 5pm – week of scheduled match.	\$300
Appeal fee	\$110
Illegitimate player or coach participation in SAVL	Team forfeits + Forfeit Fee
Non-Duty fee	\$300
Non-Accredited Referee	\$100
Uniform Policy Breach (per breach, per team, per week)	\$50
*Note: The above costs/fees are inclusive of GST.	

APPENDIX 1

I. South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) Uniform Policy

South Australian Volleyball League (SAVL) Uniform Policy – Season 2026

Definitions

Playing Uniform = Playing Top(shirt), shorts and socks.

Official Warm-up = Warm-up at the net (after coin toss)

Unofficial Warm up = Warm-up away from the net (before the coin toss)

Compression garments = Any skintight equipment including padding not worn on the knee.

Knee Pads = Knee straps with padding.

Jewellery = Include all necklaces, rings, piercings, watches or bracelets.

Training Uniform = Club-approved apparel worn in unofficial warm-up

FIVB Regulations 4.3 - Equipment

- A player's uniform and equipment consist of a playing top, shorts, and sports shoes.
- The colour and the design for the playing top and shorts must be identical for the team (except for the Libero).
- The uniforms must be clean.
- The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles without heels.
- The number must be placed on the playing top at the centre of the front and of the back. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.
- The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the chest, and a minimum of 20 cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width.

If the regulations established by the governing body of Volleyball South Australia (VSA) diverge from the regulations stipulated by the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB), it is imperative to assert that the regulations set forth by VSA shall take precedence.

VSA Regulations

- All uniforms must be resubmitted and approved each year even if it is the same uniform as the year before. This must be submitted to the Competitions Lead before the team nomination deadline set out.
- All club uniforms must be approved by Volleyball South Australia before production.
- Any breach of the uniform policy including wearing unapproved uniforms will be a sanctionable offence. See [schedule 1](#). For uniform rules and regulation sanctions.
- All athletes must be in playing uniform at the start of the official warm-up, immediately following the toss of the coin.
- Jewellery is either not to be worn or taped down.
 - a. Failure to do so before the game starts will result in a delay sanction by the rules and regulations.
- Club uniforms must meet the FIVB Regulations and subsequent VSA SAVL uniform regulations.
- For the Live Stream Rounds and finals series VSA maintain the authority to decide what approved uniform is to be worn by the competing teams.

- SAVL, Premier and Reserve teams must have the new Volleyball South Australia logo on all Premier and Reserve uniforms.
- If an athlete competes in a SAVL Seniors match and is found to have infringed the relevant uniform rules and regulations, the athlete must be removed from the court by legal substitution and sanctioned with a delay sanction. This is to be recorded on the scoresheet in the remarks and sanction table. Once their uniform is correct, they may re-enter the court through a legal substitution. The relevant penalties shall be imposed on the team set out in schedule 1.

Any changes to uniforms or a different design for a special round must be submitted and approved by Round 1 of the SAVL Competition.

Religion and Modesty

All athletes have the right to wear religious attire and accessories that are consistent with their religious beliefs. These may include, but are not limited to, head coverings, clothing, jewellery, or symbols that are of religious significance.

We acknowledge and respect individual preferences for modest clothing. Athletes are permitted to wear clothing that aligns with their personal modesty standards, provided it does not pose a potential safety risk.

All requests for religious or modesty accommodations will be treated confidentially and with the utmost respect for the players privacy. Information regarding such requests will only be disclosed to those who need to know should a player at a venue fall under this provision.

VSA will not discriminate against athletes or Teams based on their religious beliefs, practices, or the clothing associated with those beliefs. Any form of harassment or bias against individuals due to their religious or modesty-related choices will not be tolerated.

Playing Top

- All athletes of the same team must wear the same colour and style of playing top that has been approved by VSA (except for the libero)
- The libero(s) must wear a playing top that has a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team and be approved by VSA.
- If a team has 2 liberos, both liberos must be playing tops that are the same as each other.
- Clubs can elect to have a variety of playing tops approved by VSA For example, short sleeves, long sleeves, no sleeves.
- The style must be consistent throughout the team, sleeve length is up to the individual when worn and is permitted to be different within the same team.
- The number must be placed on the playing top at the centre of the front and on the back. The colour and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the colour and brightness of the jerseys.
- The number must be a minimum of 15 cm in height on the chest, and a minimum of 20 cm in height on the back. The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm in width.
- Players tops must be numbered from 1-99

Shorts

- All athletes of the same team must wear the same colour shorts that have been approved by VSA including the Libero.
- Clubs can elect to have different types of shorts approved for example, bike shorts, “sport” shorts etc. However, all shorts must be the same colour and logo placement.
- In consideration of inclusivity and modesty, the selection of approved shorts is at the discretion of each athlete and may vary even within the same team.

Socks

- It is recommended that all athletes of the same team wear the same colour, length, and style of socks. However, it is not a requirement.
- Socks can be of the same colour and design as the corresponding parts of the playing uniform.

Shoes

- The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles without heels.
- Athletes cannot wear shoes that have black marking soles.

Training Uniform

- A training uniform is different to a playing uniform and consists of training pants, a training top and a training jacket or jumper.
- Where training uniforms are worn in the warmup courts or the competition area, they should be of the same colour and style for the entire team and are only able to be worn up until the official warm-up begins.
- Training uniforms can be the same as the coaching uniform and must be club-approved apparel.

Compression Garments

- Athletes may wear compression garments.
- Compression garments may be of the same colour and design as the corresponding part of the uniform.

Logos

Volleyball South Australia logo

1. The Volleyball South Australia logo must appear on the left chest of all playing tops and must be 8.5cm wide.
2. No other logos or writing is permitted above or below the Volleyball South Australia logo.
3. The Volleyball South Australia logo must follow the below rules:



Volleyball South Australia logo

Light backgrounds – **use blue or black**

- b. Dark backgrounds – **use white** Volleyball South Australia logo



4. Volleyball colour codes as per brand styling are:
- Royal Blue
C 92 M 78 Y 2 K 0
R 47 G 81 B 160
 - Chilli Red
C 1 M 87 Y 99 K 0
R 237 G 73 B 37
 - Golden Yellow
C 3 M 22 Y 85 K 0
R 246 G 197 B 67

Sponsorship logos

1. All sponsorship logos must be approved by Volleyball South Australia.
2. Sponsorship logos are permitted on playing tops however playing top designs and logos must be identical for the whole team.
3. Once sponsorship logos are approved, they must appear on the right-hand sleeve, left-hand sleeve and back of the playing top (under athletes number).
 - a. Sleeves: 10cm x 5cm or equivalent to the proportion of the logo
Back of playing top: 30cm x 10cm or equivalent to the proportion of the logo
 - b. Only one logo is permitted on the back of the playing top.

APPENDIX 2

II. The Australian 12 Substitution Rule

The Australian 12 Substitution Rule

The Twelve-Substitution Rule works as follows and will only be applicable for teams competing in Reserve and lower divisions:

- Any number of athletes may substitute into the same rotational position on the court within the following limitations:
- There is a maximum of 12 substitutions permitted per set per team.
- An athlete may only take the court three times per set, i.e. when the athlete's number has been recorded on the scoresheet for the third time, that athlete may be substituted off but may not enter the court again. The scorer circling the athlete's number indicates this third appearance.
- Different athletes may substitute into the one rotational position, except that once substituted for a particular position they are "locked" into that group of athletes. (i.e. athletes who have substituted for that position) and may not substitute with another group.

I		II		III		IV		V		VI	
10		4		11		2		1		7	
6	9					5					
10	3					2					
9						5					
8						2					
10											
8											

- In the example shown above, we can see that the starting line-up is 10, 4, 11, 2, 1 and 7. This means that these athletes have taken the court once already. The coach has seen fit to substitute into the position "I" group the athletes 6, 9, 8 and 3. Number 10 has taken the court three times and thus has finished his/her set as indicated by the circle. (As has athlete 2 in position IV).
- These athletes: 10, 6, 9, 8 and 3, are locked into the group in position I and none of them can be used to substitute into another position in this set. For example, athlete 9 has only appeared twice so far and can therefore make another appearance on the court but only in position I and only if no more than twelve substitutions are used per set. In the example shown, all twelve substitutions have been used.

When recording the substitutions go DOWN THE LEFT side column for each position and when the left is full go DOWN THE Right-side column.

APPENDIX 3

III. SAVL Seniors Referee Requirements

SAVL Seniors Referee Requirements

Each SAVL team must nominate the minimum number of accredited referees per team as outlined in 18.2.2 who will attend scheduled courses before the season.

	Minimum Referee Accreditation	Number of Required Accredited Referees
Premier	Level 2 Associate	2
Reserve	Level 2 Associate	2
Division 1	Level 1	3
Division 2 and below	Level 1	3

Premier /Reserve

Accepted:

- Club nominated Accredited Level 2 associate Referee
- Any other Accredited Level 2 Referee or higher
- Nominated Level 2 Associate (provided VSA are notified prior to communicate and verify with the VSARC Chair)

Not Accepted – VSA will follow up and sanctions may apply.

- Accredited Level 1 Referee
- Non-Accredited Referee

Senior Divisional

Accepted:

- Nominated Accredited Level 2 Associate Referee
- Any other Accredited Level 2 Associate Referee
- Accredited Minimum Level 1 Referee

Not Accepted - VSA will follow up and sanctions may apply.

- Non-Accredited Referee

All qualification accreditations are based on the Volleyball Australia accreditation system. Any referee with an expired qualification or who have not fulfilled the requirements to obtain a current VA accreditation is deemed a Non-Accredited Referee.